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Applicant: Yang CAO

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATIC
PORT IDENTITY DISCOVERY IN HIERARCHICAL
HETEROGENOUS SYSTEMS

Attorney Docket: 29250-001028/US

Commissioner for Patents
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May 7, 2004

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action dated February 13, 2004 ("Office Action") and responds as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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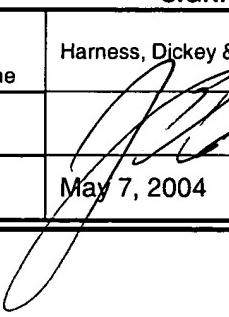
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